

CLAIMS REMAINING IN THIS APPLICATION (AS AMENDED)

1. (Thrice amended) A disk recording medium retaining menu control data for controlling a menu displayed on a screen, wherein said menu control data has a data structure including:

menu display data which determines the configuration and operations displayed on said menu, said menu display data being determined at least in part on the basis of previously selected operations;

response picture data which contains pictures to be displayed when an operation is selected from said menu;

response display data which provides instructions for displaying the response picture data thereby indicating a transition between said menu and the selected operation; and

operation instructions for performing the selected operation after the response picture is displayed.

2. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said response picture includes a moving picture.

3. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said response picture includes a picture with sound.

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4. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said response display data includes data specifying the operation assigned to said menu button and said operation instructions execute the specified operation.

5. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said menu display data includes data for varying the display of said menu button depending on whether said menu button is not selected, or said menu button is provisionally selected, or said menu button is selected.

6. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said menu display includes a moving picture with sound.

7. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said menu display data and said response picture data is recorded as a series of data.

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8. (Twice amended) A menu control method for controlling a menu of operations for operating a disk recording medium, the menu being displayed on a screen, including the steps of:

displaying said menu including at least one menu button for selecting an operation of said disk recording medium, the displayed menu being determined at least in part on the basis of previously selected operations;

displaying a predetermined response picture when the operation of said menu button on said menu is selected, thereby indicating a transition between said menu and the selected operation; and

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executing the selected operation of said menu button after said response picture is displayed.

9. A menu control method according to claim 8, wherein said response picture includes a moving picture.

10. A menu control method according to claim 8, wherein said response picture includes a picture with sound.

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11. (Twice amended) A menu control apparatus for controlling a menu of operations for operating a disk recording medium, the menu being displayed on a screen, comprising:

a menu display means for displaying said menu including at least one menu button for selecting an operation of said disk recording medium, the displayed menu being determined at least in part on the basis of previously selected operations;

a response picture display means for displaying a predetermined response picture when the operation of said menu button on said menu is selected, thereby indicating a transition between said menu and the selected operation; and

a means for executing the selected operation of said menu button after said response picture is displayed by said response picture display means.

12. A menu control apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said response picture display means displays said response picture including a moving picture.

13. A menu control apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said response picture display means displays said response picture including a picture with sound.